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AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as follows:

- (currently amended) A method for treating cancer a disease or disorder in a patient,
 comprising administering to a patient an effective amount of an agent that binds a
 sphingolipid or a sphingolipid metabolite to reduce the effective concentration thereof,
 wherein the agent treats a disease or disorder is selected from the group consisting of
 cancer, angiogenesis, and inflammation.
- 2. (currently amended) The A method according to of claim 1, wherein said agent is an antibody or antibody derivative.
- 3. (cancelled)
- 4. (cancelled)
- 5. (currently amended) The A method according to of claim 1, wherein said sphingolipid or sphingolipid metabolite is selected from the group consisting of sphingomyelin, sphingosine, sphingolipid 1 phosphte sphingosine-1-phosphte (S-1-P), ceramide, sphingolyphorylcholine (SPC), 3-ketosphineganine, galaxtosylceramide, and dihydroceramide.
- (currently amended) The A method according to of claim 1, wherein said sphingolipid is selected from the group consisting of ceramide, sphingosine, and sphingolipid 1 phosphte sphingosine-1-phosphte (S-1-P).
- 7. (currently amended) The A method according to of claim 1 claim 4, wherein said sphingolipid is sphingolipid-1-phosphte sphingosine-1-phosphte (S-1-P).
- 8-15. (canceled)